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SUBJECT: PRG REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION

REF: SAIGON 3401; SAIGON 3454

1. ACCORDING TO MEMBER IRANIAN DELEGATION IS SUDDEN SWITCH
PRG DELIVERED NOTE TO ICCS ON 15 MARCH REQUESTING ICCS INVESTIGA-
TION OF MASSACRE OF 32 SCHOOL CHILDREN AT CAI LAY. NOTE INCLUDED
A SECURITY GUARANTEE. ICCS IS NOW PREPARING TO LAUNCH FULL SCALE
FOUR MEMBER INVESTIGATION.

2. TEXT OF NOTE FOLLOWS:

"TAN SON NHUT MARCH 15 1974

"H.E. AMBASSADOR H.R. DHARSONO

HEAD OF THE INDONESIAN DELEGATION

CHAIRMAN OF THE ICCS

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"SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ON THE SPOT INVESTIGATION INTO THE MASSACRE
COMMITTED BY THE RVN SIDE ON MARCH 9 1974 IN CAI LAY PRIMARY

SCHOOL MY THO PROVINCE.

" EXCELLECNY,

"I/-THE PRG RSVN MILITARY DELEGATION TO THE CENTRAL TWO PARTY JMC PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ICCS AND RESPECTFULLY INFORMS HIM OF THE FOLLOWING PARTICULARLY SERIOUS CEASEFIRE VIOLATION COMMITTED BY THE RVN SIDE.

SINCE JAN 28 1974 IN AN ATTEMPT TO NIBBLE AWAY THE PRG RSVN CONTROLLED/TERRITORY NORTH AND SOUTH OF ROUTE 4(MY THO PROVINCE) THE RVN HAS BEEN CONTINUALLY CONCENTRATING ITS LARGE FORCES IN THE AREA FOR RAIDING OPERATION, PERPETRATING NUMEROUS CRIMES AGAINST THE PEOPLE. JUST RECENTLY THE PRG RSVN MILITARY DELEGATION HAS FIVE TIMES REQUESTED THE ICCS TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATION INTO THE VIOLATIONS COMMITTED BY THE RVN SIDE IN THE AREA.

(REF NOTES NO.1115/LHQSTU DATED FEB 22 1974 NO 1156

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NO: 1208/LHQSTU DATED MARCH 9 1974 AND NO: 1226/LHQSTU DATED MARCH 15 1974).

ON MARCH 9 1974 WHIL CARRYING OUT RAIDS IN THE ABOVE SAID AREA THE RVN ARMED FORCES MADE INDISCRIMINATE KILLINGS, PERPETUATING NUMEROUS CRIMES AGAINST THE PEOPLE PARTICULARLY COMMITTING THE MASSACRE IN CAI LAY PRIMARY SCHOOL WHICH RESULTED IN MORE THAN 20 PUPILS KILLED, 40 OTHERS INJURED AND A FEMALE TEACHER WOUNDED "TO COVER UP THE SAID BARBAROUS CRIME ON THE MORNING OF MARCH 10 1974 THE RVN SIDE ORDERED ITS AGENTS IN CAI LAY TO ROUND UP THE PEOPLE AND PUPILS AND FORCE THEM TO STAGE A DEMONSTRATION IN AN ATTEMPT TO DISTORT THE AGREEMENT, DEFAME AND SLANDER THE PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMED FORCES. THIS IS A PARTICULARLY SERIOUS CRIME COMMITTED BY THE RVN SIDE IN FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF ARTICLES 2 AND 3 OF THE AGREEMENT ON ENDING THE WAR AND RESTORING PEACE IN VIET NAM. ARTICLE 2 OF THE PROTOCOL CONCERNING THE CEASEFIRE IN SOUTH VIET NAM. AND ALSO A VERY CONTEMPTIBLE DISTORTING AND SLANDERIOUS ALLEGATION AGAINST THE PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMED FORCES. THAT CRIMINAL ACT IS AROUSING INDIGNATION FROM THE LOCAL PEOPLE THE PUPILS' PARENTS ANDFAMILIES AND PUBLIC OPINION AT HOME.

"II/-THE PRG RSVN MILITARY DELEGATION TO THE CENTRAL TWO PARTY JMC STRONGLY DENOUNCES AND STERNLY CONEMNS THE RVN SIDE FOR THE ABOVE SAID VIOLATION AND TRICK OF MAKING WHITE BLACK,AND RESOLUTELY DEMANDS THAT THE LATTER STRICTLY OBSERVE THE CEASEFIRE; IMMEDIATELY PUT AN END TO ALL CRIMINAL ACTS AGAINST THE PEOPLE AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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EVERY DISTORTING AND SLANDEROUS ALLEGATION AGAINST THE PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMED FORCES; COMPENSATE THE VICTIMS'S FAMILIES FOR THEIR LOSSES; AND GIVE MEDICAL CARE TO THE WOUNDED PUPILS AND TEACHER."III/-THE PRG RSVN MILITARY DELEGATION TO THE CENTRAL TWO PARTY JMC REQUEST THE ICCS TO CONDUCT ON THE SPOT INVESTIGATION INTO THE ABOVE SAID RVN VIOLATION SO AS TO REACH SOON APPROPRIATE CONCLUSIONS AND MEASURES.

"WE ARE PREPARED TO DESIGNATE OUR LIAISON OFFICERS FROM TAN SON NHUT TO GO ALONG WITH THE ICCS INVESTIGATING TEAM AND ENSURE SAFETY FOR ITS MOVEMENT IN THE PRG RSVN CONTROLLED TERRITORY.

"WITH HIGHEST CONSIDERATION TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ICCS WE REMAIN
"FOR CHIEF OF PRG RSVN MILITARY DELEGATION
CENTRAL TWO PARTY JMC
VO LONG GIANG
DEPUTY CHIEF"

2. EMBASSY COMMENT: IT IS POSSIBLE THAT COMMUNIST
DELEGATION TO ICCS PUSHED PRG INTO THIS MOVE. AT RECENT LUNCHEON
ON 14 MARCH HUNGDEL DEPUTIES GAL AND CSAPO INDICATED MAJOR DIS-
COMFORT AT RECENT BAD IMAGE GIVEN COMMUNIST DELEGATION BY THEIR
FAILURE TO INVESTIGATE THIS INCIDENT. HUNGARIANS INSISTED THAT
THEY INTENDED TO INVESTIGATE BUT NEED TWO PARTY SECURITY GUAR-
ANTEES. EMBOFFS NOTED THAT IT WAS HIGHLY UNREALISTIC TO EXPECT
PRG TO GIVE SECURITY GUARANTEE TO FACILITATE AN INVESTIGATION OF
THEIR ALLEGED CEASEFIRE VIOLATION. HUNGARIANS DISAGREED STATING
THAT PRG WOULD OF NECESSITY BE FORCED TO GIVE A SECURITY GUARANT
EE OR FACE CHARGE OF NOT SUPPORTING THE PARIS AGREEMENT AND ICCS.
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